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Mr. Mark Durno, Chief
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RE: ROSE EXTERMINATOR SITE, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Dear Mr. Durno:

Ohio EPA requests U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a time-critical removal action at the Rose Exterminator Site, located at 5421 Carthage Avenue in Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio. The Rose Exterminator Site has been investigated by the Norwood Health Department since 1974, when sampling results showed elevated levels of arsenic.

On December 30, 2008, USEPA collected surface soil samples at the site and had them analyzed for arsenic and lead. Field screening and lab analysis confirmed the site is highly contaminated with arsenic as well as lead. Lab sampling results showed arsenic levels as high as 68,800 ppm and lead as high as 1560 ppm.

The structural integrity of the building has been compromised due to age. There is no roof on the structure and although windows and doors have been boarded, they can be removed with little effort. Access to the site and its contaminants can be obtained easily.

Kelly Kaletsky at the Ohio EPA Southwest District Office is the contact for this site and can be reached at (937)285-6441. As always, please feel free to call me at (614) 836-8752 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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